

# On This Date

# October 26, 1897

Born on October 26, 1897 in Gastonia, North Carolina, Greer "**Skipper**" Friday, plays six seasons of professional baseball, including a seven-game trial with the Washington Senators near the end of the 1923 season.

In May, 1920, Friday signs with the local Charlotte Hornets of the South Atlantic (C) League just before the season opener. However, in July, Friday jumps the team in order to manage the Loray team of Gastonia, providing local business interests will guarantee him "sufficient financial support."

Friday has a career year in 1922, winning 22 games for the Raleigh Red Birds. His 22 wins rank third among league leaders and his career-best 293 innings are fourth-best.

Friday begins 1923 back in Raleigh and is 8-2 with the Red Birds when the Washington Senators purchase him on June 6 for \$3,000. Making his major league debut on June 17 against Chicago, he allows only four hits in 11 innings, but walks 14 in a 5-3 loss.

Friday is 0-1 for the Washington Senators, with a 6.90 ERA and 22 walks in 30 innings pitched, when he and minor league infielder William O'Neill are traded to the Nashville Vols for second baseman Bobby Murray. Friday ends the season going 6-6 with a 3.62 ERA in 15 games for Nashville.

